

REMARKS

The first paragraph of the specification has been amended to include the patent number of the now-issued parent patent, of which the present application is a continuation.

Claims 1 and 43-61 are pending in this application. Claims 2-26 were previously cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 21, 2003. New claims 43-61 have been added. Claims 1 has been amended to recite, and new claims 43-61 are directed to, an embodiment wherein the substituent formerly designated R^2 in claims 1-42 as filed has been replaced by a benzyl (phenylmethyl) moiety. Claim 1 has also been amended to (1) insert the radicals " $-\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$, and $-\text{CONH}_2$ ", that were inadvertently omitted from the definition of R^1 in claim 1 as originally filed (2) correct typographical errors and (3) otherwise clarify the invention. Support for the amendments and new claims is found throughout the specification.

Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

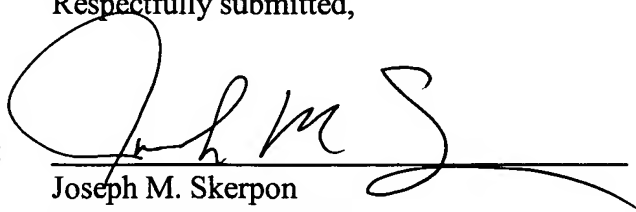
Prompt and favorable examination of pending claims 1 and 43-61 on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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